

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 267

Urging a full and impartial inquiry into the murder of attorney Pat Finucane
in 1989 in Northern Ireland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2003

Mr. PAYNE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging a full and impartial inquiry into the murder of
attorney Pat Finucane in 1989 in Northern Ireland.

Whereas the murder of attorney Pat Finucane in 1989 in
Northern Ireland, in the absence of any other apparent
motive, appears to have been politically-motivated and
has not been addressed by an adequate investigation into
the possibility of a conspiracy by political factions;

Whereas the European Court of Human Rights recently
issued a finding in which it criticized the investigation of
the murder of Pat Finucane for not addressing the possi-
bility of collusion by partisan paramilitary forces;

Whereas Amnesty International, British Irish Rights Watch,
and the Committee on the Administration of Justice each
welcomed this finding by the European Court of Human
Rights;

Whereas retired Canadian judge Peter Cory, appointed by the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland to examine the murder of Pat Finucane and five other controversial murders in Northern Ireland, has finished his investigation of collusion allegations surrounding Finucane's murder and will provide the results of his investigation in late 2003, including whether or not the collusion allegations merit a full judicial inquiry;

Whereas, in addition, the Government of the United Kingdom has been ordered to pay Mrs. Finucane \$51,000 for the death of her husband; and

Whereas the satisfactory resolution of this heinous felony is important in order to maintain a lasting peace in Northern Ireland: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) acknowledges the finding of the European
4 Court of Human Rights in which it criticized the in-
5 vestigation of the murder of attorney Pat Finucane
6 in 1989 in Northern Ireland for not addressing the
7 possibility of collusion by partisan paramilitary
8 forces;

9 (2) applauds the interest of the European
10 Court of Human Rights in determining the full cir-
11 cumstances behind the murder of Pat Finucane;

12 (3) recognizes the importance of resolving this
13 matter as soon as possible in order to maintain
14 peace in Northern Ireland; and

1 (4) encourages the Government of the United
2 Kingdom to appoint an independent judicial body to
3 conduct a full and impartial inquiry into this matter
4 and to promptly prosecute those individuals who are
5 responsible for having committed this atrocious
6 crime.

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